

**PRINCIPLES,
POLICIES, AND
PROCEDURES:**

**Domestic Geographic Names
U.S. Board on Geographic Names**

Followed by the

**Arizona State Board on
Geographic and Historic Names**

2008

For basic guidance, other than that provided by statute and adopted board policies, the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names follows the *Principles, Policies, and Procedures: Domestic Geographic Names* governing geographic names as published by the United States Board on Geographic Names.

Name submitters are encouraged to review the following chapters and policies as may apply to their proposals.

Chapter 3 – Domestic Geographic Names Policies

- Policy I Names Being Considered by Congress
- Policy II Name Changes
- Policy III Commemorative Names
- Policy IV Wilderness Areas
- Policy V Derogatory Names
- Policy VI Use of Diacritical Marks
- Policy VII Name Duplication
- Policy VIII Use of Variant Names
- Policy IX Long Names
- Policy X Names of Native American Origin

Chapter 4 – Procedures and Guidelines

- Submitting Name Corrections and Changes
- Submitting Non-Recorded Names
- Procedures for Submitting Corrections, Changes and Non-Recorded Names
- Proposing Names for Unnamed Domestic Features

Chapter 5 – Editorial Guidelines

- Writing Marks
- Abbreviations and Number Names
- Capitalization of Geographic Names

NOTE: The *Principles, Policies, and Procedures: Domestic Geographic Names* can be viewed in its entirety at the following Internet website:

http://geonames.usgs.gov/docs/pro_pol_pro.pdf

**PROPOSALS TO MAKE A NAME OFFICIAL FOR ALL ARIZONA STATE MAPS,
RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS, OR INQUIRIES, MAY BE
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**Once a name is official in Arizona, the proposal will be forwarded to the Domestic
Geographic Names Committee, U.S. Board on Geographic Names, for its consideration to
make the name official for all federal maps, records, documents, and other publications.**

**The U.S. Board will not consider a name for federal use until the names has been
considered by the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names for state use.**